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In the Claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A polymeric composition for friction elements which comprises a co-polymer between (I) a resin containing phenolic groups and a reticulation agent (II) an organopolysiloxane resin containing terminal silanol group, [at least part of the phenolic groups being bound to the terminal silanol groups] and an epoxy resin or an epoxidised organopolysiloxane (III), and wherein the bonding between the phenolic groups and the terminal silanol groups is substantially complete.

7. (Twice Amended) A process of preparation of a polymeric composition according to claim 1, comprising the following steps:

a) mixing (I) a resin containing the phenolic groups and the reticulation agent, (II) resin containing the terminal silanol groups, and (III) an epoxy resin or the epoxidised organosiloxane,

b) curing the mixture for a period of time sufficient to complete substantially the reaction between the phenolic groups and the terminal silanol groups,

c) post-heating the product obtained under b).

8. (Amended) A process according to claim 7<sub>1</sub>[.] in which the mixing step a) is conducted at a temperature not exceeding 50°C.

9. (Amended) A process according to claim 8, in which the curing step b) is conducted under a pressure of at least 50 atm<sub>1</sub> and the temperature is from 80 to 160°C.